THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). Presently there are no plans.

Expansion of Belgaum Airport

3201. SHRI S. B. SIDNAL: Will the minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for the expansion of the Belgaum Airport:

(b) if so, the details thereof and when it is likely to be extended; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). No, Sir. The airport is fit for the operation of Avro type of aircraft commensurate with its traffic potential.

Expansion of Madras Airport Runway

3202. SHRI S. B. SIDNAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be please to state:

(a) whether the International Airport Authority of India has proposed to extend the length of Madras Airport runway to attract international airlines;

(b) if so, the present length of the runway; and

(c) the measures taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The present length of the runway is 3063 metres (10050 feet).

(c) The runway is being extended by 595 metres to enable unrestricted operation of B.747–400 type of aircraft.

Telecast of Proceedings of State Legislatures

3203. SHRI DHARMABHIKSHAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposals have been received for telecast the proceedings of State Legislatures on Lines of Parliament; and

(b) if so, the details thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Request for telecasting the proceedings of some State Legislatures viz. Karnataka, Kerala, Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra have been received.

[*Translation*]

Post Office in Gazipur District in Uttar Pradesh

3204. SHRI VISHWANATH SHASTRI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to open new post offices in the rural areas of Gazipur district of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total number of post offices likely to be opened in the district during 1992?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Sanction has already been issued for opening 12 Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices in Gazipur District. The details are given in the enclosed statement.

STATEMENT

Names of places in district Gazipur of Uttar Pradesh for which sanction has been issued for opening of 12 extra department branch post offices.

1. Khanshari
2. Bharsar
3. Deoria
4. Vashu Chak
5. Ameda
6. Akranpur Banjaripur
7. Semure
8. Sabbalpur Kalan
9. Nasirpur
10. Asaon
11. Meerpur
12. Atraon

Kutir Jyoti Yojana in Bihar

3205. SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have started "Kutir Jyoti" scheme in Bihar;

(b) if so, the amount allocated by the Union Government to the State Electricity Board for the implementation of this scheme through "Rural Electrification Corporation Limited".

(c) whether the Government propose to give any concession to the beneficiaries under this scheme especially to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (d). With a view to provided single-point light connections to the households of rural families below the poverty line, including Harijans and Adivasis, a welfare programme known as 'Kutir Jyoti' was initiated by the Government in 1988-89, all over the country, including Bihar . Under the scheme, which was financed from Central grants during 1988-89 and 1989-90, the task of identifying the beneficiaries was vested with the State Government concerned. The Rural Electrification Corporation allocation in all, Rs. 419.933 lakhs to the Bihar State Electricity Board under the programme, for releasing 1,99,605 single point light connections. According to the available information, the State Electricity Board has released 1,67,886 connections.

The scheme was not continued after 31.3.1991.

[English]

Post Offices in the Country

3206. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state: